

Injury Prevention Advisory Council
September 11, 2003, 10:30-12
2 North Meridian Street

Present

✓ Charlene Graves, MD, Medical Director, Injury Prevention, ISDH
Cecil Threat, Project Officer, Injury Grant, CDC
✓ Sandra Beck, Epidemiologist, Injury Prevention, ISDH
Scott Beamon, Indiana State Police
Pam Bright, State Fire Marshal's Office
✓ Barbara Cole, Indiana Poison Center
✓ Dawn Daniels, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Clarian Health Partners
Bill Field, Professor, Ag Engineering, Purdue University
✓ Judy Ganser, MD, Medical Director, MCH, ISDH
Spencer Grover, Indiana Hospital and Health Association
Heather McCabe for Lori Lovett, Partnership to Prevent Firearm Violence
✓ Joanne Martin, Director, Healthy Families, IU School of Nursing
Wendy Hums, Trauma Program Mgr. (by phone), Memorial Hospital of South Bend
✓ Jim Mowry, Indiana Poison Center
Linda Hankins, Riley Children's Hospital
Serifatu Walton, Coordinator, Injury Prevention, Marion County Health Department
Mick Kidwell, IOSHA
Fran Wersells, US Dept of Health & Human Services / Admin on Aging
✓ Anna Deahl, Associate Director, Bureau of Aging, FSSA
Dr. Tres Scherer, Clarian/Riley Hospital

Welcome, Introductions & "Safety Exercise"

Dr. Graves expressed her thanks for the wonderful turnout for the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves and stated their affiliation. A moment of silence was observed to commemorate September 11, the second anniversary of the attack on America, and the critical illness of Governor Frank O'Bannon.

A "safety exercise" asked for volunteers to mention a safety reminder received from parents ("Mama Always Said"), which resulted in several interesting anecdotes.

Review and approval of July minutes

Minutes of the July 10th meeting were reviewed and approved (correction to Barbara Cole's name, which was written as "Pat").

Remarks by Cecil Threat, CDC Project Officer, Injury Grant

Cecil Threat offered praise to ISDH and the Advisory Council on the number of people present, and emphasized the importance of these meetings. He praised the sacrifices made to attend the Council, recognizing the multiple responsibilities of each member there.

Progress report from ISDH Injury Program

Handouts for several discussion items were distributed; a lengthy exchange occurred regarding the new Fireworks Injury Reporting in Indiana. A copy of the Indiana Epidemiology Newsletter gave an update on the reporting so far. The July edition of the Newsletter featured, "Suicide in Indiana," and included the number of suicide attempts, also. Jim Mowry suggested that data from the Poison Center was probably not included in the totals, and that National Poison Control often contacted them for statistics.

Dr. Graves and Sandra Beck gave an update on the recent State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association (STIPDA) meeting, held September 3-5, in Washington, DC.

It was revealed by Scott Beamon of the State Police that 79% of Hoosiers use seatbelts (June 2003 data). Absence of a "helmet law" for motorcyclists in Indiana was discussed as a reason for many catastrophic injuries and deaths. Fran Wersells from the Federal Administration on Aging discussed injuries among the elderly population, which is often overlooked when educational information or statistics are provided. For example, reviewing the STEPS grant for CDC, she found very few objectives that addressed this population. Anna Deahl promised a fact sheet on safety for the elderly, from the Indiana office of Aging and Disability.

Upcoming events and announcements

Dr. Tres Scherer confirmed the Robert Wood Johnson award for an Injury Free Coalition for Kids in Indianapolis has been given to Clarian/Riley Hospital. Pam Bright discussed the Risk Watch Program, which received a \$30,000 grant to furnish education on injury prevention in 200 classrooms. Trainings will be provided on CDs and also curriculum notebooks at no cost to the schools. ISDH will participate in a meeting with the Indiana Trauma Registrars on September 16 to gain a better understanding of data available there. There is a Suicide Prevention Conference at the Marriott, as the annual meeting of the Indiana Partnership to Prevent Firearm Violence on October 3.

Next meeting rescheduled

The next Injury Prevention Advisory Council meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2003, instead of December 11 as originally planned. A reminder will be sent out before the date. Dr. Graves requested ideas and speakers for the next meeting, to present information on their respective programs. Barbara Cole volunteered to present on the Indiana Poison Center. Subcommittee development will be a topic, as well as sentinel syndromic surveillance, which is added to the Bioterrorism Grant. Dr. Graves asked whether a Mission Statement for the Advisory Council would be a good idea, and most agreed it would, so it will also be a topic for next meeting.